

Matthew 15:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?

Analysis

This verse reveals profound theological truth central to Reformed understanding of Scripture. The passage demonstrates God's sovereignty and grace working through human circumstances. Christ's teaching here challenges contemporary religious assumptions while pointing to deeper spiritual realities.

Historical Context

This verse originates in Jesus' ministry during a pivotal period. The first-century Jewish context included Roman occupation, Pharisaic religious authority, and messianic expectations. Understanding these factors illuminates the passage's significance.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does this passage challenge your understanding of God's character?
2. What practical application does this truth have in your daily walk?
3. How should this verse shape your priorities and decisions?

Interlinear Text

ὁ	δὲ	Ἰησοῦς	εἶπεν	Ἀκμήν	καὶ	ὕμεῖς	ἀσύνετοί
G3588	And	Jesus	said	yet	also	ye	without understanding
	G1161	G2424	G2036	G188	G2532	G5210	G801
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G2075							

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 16:9 (Parallel theme): Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

Mark 7:18 (Parallel theme): And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him;

Mark 9:32 (Parallel theme): But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him.

Matthew 15:10 (Parallel theme): And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:

Hebrews 5:12 (Parallel theme): For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Mark 6:52 (Parallel theme): For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.

Matthew 16:11 (Parallel theme): How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?

Matthew 13:51 (References Jesus): Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.

Luke 9:45 (Parallel theme): But they understood not this saying, and it was hid from them, that they perceived it not: and they feared to ask him of that saying.

Luke 18:34 (Parallel theme): And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

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